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ASK EPA!!

Questions and Answers about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q: Should I do my usual spring yard work and gardening or will EPA come and clean up my yard this year?

A: If you are concerned about an EPA cleanup undoing the hard work you put into your yard or garden, simply call the EPA Information Center and ask if there are plans to clean up your property in the near future. EPA can tell you whether there are plans to clean up your property within the next three months.

Because of the potential for unforeseen events, even if we know your property will be cleaned up in Spring 2004, EPA can only commit to 30 days advance notice for an exact date. This 30-day notice will not change over the life of the cleanup work.

Unfortunately, EPA cannot clean up all properties (approximately 1200) right away and so some homes will simply have to wait for a year or for several years. EPA is working on a method of ordering cleanups on a geographic basis so that we can work in a specific area of town and work on a block or two at a time before moving on to the next section.

IN the meantime, EPA has developed a fact sheet entitled "Living With Vermiculite" which describes some steps you can take if you must work in and around small amounts of vermiculite such as may be found in your yard or garden. The most important step for outdoor work is keeping the area wet to reduce dust.

You may pick up a copy of this fact sheet at the EPA Information Center at 501 Mineral Ave. or call them for a copy to be sent to you.

For more information call toll free:

Wendy Thomi toll-free at 1-866-457-2690 extension 5037 or
EPA Information Center at 293-6194